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[Richard C. Olsen]

Interview of [REDACTED],  
3/29/78, by Dan Hardway  
and Ed Lopez

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Mr. [REDACTED] said that he  
had not been shown a  
copy of the release letter  
but that Roger Gabrielson  
had explained it to him  
and he understood it.

[REDACTED] said that he was  
stationed in Mexico City  
from 1967 [to 1970]. He said  
that Win Scott retired in  
June of 1969 and was  
replaced by [Jim Nolan].

[REDACTED] said that Scott's  
filing system was extensive.  
Any piece of paper that  
came into the station  
was saved and multiple  
filed. There was a lot of  
duplication in the files which  
were "massive". Scott never  
threw anything away. Even  
though the files were  
massive they were easy  
to access and use. [REDACTED]  
called them a "luxury".

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Scott resisted the pressure to cut down his files but after he retired the files were "reduced" due to excessive burn time. Duplications, inactive working files, and non-record material was destroyed.

~~Scott~~ said that <sup>in 1970</sup> there was a chronological file of Cuban and Soviet Embassy surveillance production. ~~Scott~~ said that it was his belief that these files would have been destroyed. He said that a record of the files destroyed would have been kept. He said that if we had the name of the file and its number we should not have any problem finding out if that file was destroyed, retained, or sent to HQ as record material ~~to~~ through checks at HQ and in Mexico.

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~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ remembered ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>Agent</sup>  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ as an outside  
translator ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~. He  
acknowledged that he had  
taken possession of ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>Agent's</sup>  
files when he retired in  
'69 ~~or~~ '70. He said that he  
was certain that ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>Agent's</sup>  
files would have been  
routinely destroyed although  
he does not remember  
whether he did it himself  
or turned it over to  
someone else for  
destruction. Mr. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
pointed out that the  
transcripts were not  
considered record material  
and, in any case, the  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>Agent</sup> copies would  
have been duplicates.  
Therefore, no one would  
have thought twice  
about destroying them.

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